Universidad de Colima
Colima, Mexico

The University
The Universidad de Colima was founded in 1940. It is an ideal place to go for a genuine Mexican experience in a smaller city at a smaller university. Some of the academic options available are architecture, business administration, law, graphic design, Latin American Studies, and education, to mention only a few that might appeal to Oklahoma students. A full listing of degree areas can be viewed on the Universidad de Colima website.

The City
The city of Colima, originally named Villa San Sebastian by the Spanish, was founded in 1523 as the third Town Council of the New Spain. A beautiful tropical city located in the small state of Colima along Mexico’s Pacific coast, it is perfectly situated between mountains and ocean. With a population of about 150,000, it is the capital of the state of Colima and offers many of the advantages of a big city while maintaining the traditions and hospitality of a small town. Students can take advantage of year round sunshine and warm weather to visit the beautiful beaches of Manzanillo and stroll through the downtown plazas. Because of its colonial architecture, the city of Colima was declared a Historical Center by the National Institute of Anthropology and History. Colima is Norman’s sister city in Mexico.

Academic Calendar
The fall semester begins in August and finishes at the end of the second week of January. The second semester begins in late January and is over in late June. Interested students should note that the fall semester does not finish before the Christmas holidays, although exams are usually held the week before OU begins spring semester.

Am I eligible for this program?
Students should have completed at least four semesters of university-level Spanish prior to beginning this program. All applicants for study abroad must have maintained a minimum GPA of 2.5.
What could I study?
This exchange program can work for students from a wide variety of majors. However, the Intensive Spanish language program is not part of the reciprocal exchange. Student will take courses with the Mexican students.

What about academic credit?
Grades received on reciprocal exchange study abroad programs through the University of Oklahoma are posted by the Office of Admissions as Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U) on the OU permanent record. These grades are not factored into the participant’s Grade Point Average. Because each student is enrolled in 12 credits per semester while abroad, participants are expected to enroll in an equivalent number of credits at the host university. Academic systems around the world vary in what equals 12 OU credits. The decision about awarding credits is made in the Office of Admissions at OU.

Most courses at this Mexican university are each worth three credits at OU, making it easy to earn 12 credits per semester.

Where would I live?
Students live with host families or in shared apartments with other students. The International Office works with the host family assignments and can help in some ways with other housing arrangements.

How much does it cost?
Costs at OU: All students participating on semester or academic year reciprocal exchange programs are enrolled at OU for 12 credits each semester abroad. Tuition and fees are billed through and paid directly to OU at the appropriate resident or non-resident rate. Fees are charged at the Arts and Sciences College rate, even if the student’s major is in a different college. All participants pay a $10/credit hour study abroad fee.

The Universidad de Colima offers the following estimate of monthly costs in U.S. dollars:

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How do I apply?
Instructions for applying to any semester or academic year exchange program may be found in the “how to apply” section of our website.

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